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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The objective of the CalFresh program is to improve the health and well-being of qualified households and individuals by providing a means to meet nutritional needs. The CalFresh Household Characteristics Survey presents data on various social and economic characteristics of individuals and households who received CalFresh benefits during Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2015 – (October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015). Data for this report were taken from the County Performance Sample survey conducted by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) that included a random sample of 5,480 CalFresh households. As with all sample data, the information in this report is subject to sampling and non-sampling errors.¹ Because the estimates in this report have margins of error, they should be interpreted with caution. In addition, the data in this report do not reflect the impact of more recent policy changes.

Enrollment in CalFresh increased by 70,000 households statewide from 2.0 million households participating in 2014 to 2.07 million households participating in 2015. This is likely due to a combination of policy changes, increased outreach and awareness and continuing challenges in the economy.

This report presents the characteristics of the recipient population including age, gender, race and ethnicity. The distribution by race and ethnicity of heads of households shows that 39.5 percent were Hispanic, 33.1 percent of the heads of households were White, 18.2 percent were Black and 5.8 percent were Asian/Pacific Islander and 3.3 percent were in the “Other” category.

The survey results show head of household patterns based on gender and age. Sixty seven percent of CalFresh households were headed by females and the remaining 33 percent by males. The proportion of female headed households decreased in FFY 2015 by two percentage points compare to FFY 2014. The study also found that a significant majority of CalFresh recipients (93 percent of recipients and 89 percent of household heads) were United States citizens. The remaining 11 percent were legally present non-citizens. This represents an increase of 4 percent in the proportion of legally present non-citizens between FFY 2014 and FFY 2015. Analysis of the age composition of recipients showed that more than half (53 percent) were children; the same as in FFY 2014.

¹ **Sampling error** is a statistical error caused due to working with sample data rather than population or census data. Using sample data presents the risk that results found in an analysis may not represent the results that would be obtained from using data involving the entire population from which the sample was derived. **Non-sampling errors** are statistical errors caused by human error to which a specific statistical analysis is exposed. These errors can include, but are not limited to, data entry errors, biased questions in a questionnaire, biased data processing, inappropriate analysis conclusions and false information provided by respondents.

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This report also examines the age distribution of the CalFresh heads of households, the age of recipient children, the proportion of elderly and disabled CalFresh heads of households as well as the average number of persons per household. It found that the average number of persons in CalFresh households decreased slightly from 2.2 persons per household in FFY 2014 to 2.1 persons per household in FFY 2015. The average age of CalFresh heads of household remained at 40 years between FFY 2014 and FFY 2015. The average age of recipient children increased from 7.5 years in FFY 2014 to 7.6 years in FFY 2015. The proportion of elderly and/or disabled CalFresh heads of household decreased from 15.7 percent in FFY 2014 to 13.5 percent in FFY 2015. This breaks down as elderly (7.6 percent), disabled (3.6 percent) and elderly and disabled (2.3 percent).

We also examined whether or not a CalFresh household was a child-only household, and the number of persons in child-only households. This showed that approximately 4.3 percent of CalFresh households were single-person child-only households in FFY 2015, which is 1.4 percentage points lower than in FFY 2014. Child-only households are households that do not have an eligible adult living in the household.

Analysis of CalFresh household incomes showed that the majority (59 percent) have unearned incomes. This breaks down as 45 percent receiving the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits, while the remaining 14 percent received general relief. An additional six percent received unemployment compensation. The proportion of CalFresh households on public assistance increased by two percentage points while the proportion of those receiving general relief decreased by one percentage point, and that of households receiving unemployment compensation also decreased by one percentage point.

The proportion of CalFresh households that did not have earned incomes decreased slightly from 75.4 percent in FFY 2014 to 75.2 percent in FFY 2015. Eighty-seven percent of the CalFresh households with earned income were paid salaries or wages, which is a four percentage points increase from the previous FFY. This report's findings include the average net income used to determine the CalFresh allotment, which was \$504 in FFY 2014 and \$538 in FFY 2015. The proportion of CalFresh households whose eligibility was determined based on a zero-net income decreased from 61 percent in FFY 2014 to 59 percent in 2015.

The proportion of heads of household that completed 12 years or more of schooling increased from 68 percent in FFY 2014 to 71 percent in FFY 2015. The link between the level of education and earned income was also examined. We found that 57 percent of the CalFresh heads of household with less than 12 years of schooling reported zero net income. This proportion is lower than in FFY 2014 by five percentage points.

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The duration of stay in the program was also analyzed. We found that the average time on aid increased from 23 months in FFY 2014 to 25 months in FFY 2015. In public assistance households, the average time on aid increased from 32 months in FFY 2014 to 35 months in FFY 2015. Of the CalFresh households that received benefits continuously for seven to 12 months, 75 percent were Hispanic or White, 62 percent did not have a net income and 73 percent had completed 12 years of schooling or higher. The average household size was 2 persons.

The average monthly CalFresh benefit decreased by five dollars between FFY 2014 (\$304) and FFY 2015 (\$299) and the average allowable excess shelter deduction increased by three dollars from \$526 in 2014 to \$529 in FFY 2015. The average child care deduction increased from \$273 in FFY 2014 to \$353 in FFY 2015.

The study also looked at living expenses incurred by CalFresh households. Sixty-eight percent of CalFresh households reported a shelter cost. This is two percentage points lower than the proportion in the previous federal fiscal year.

In conclusion, the CalFresh program continues to be a valuable resource for millions of California families.

CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS SURVEY INFORMATION

THE CALFRESH PROGRAM

The CalFresh program, federally known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), provides monthly benefits that assist low-income households in purchasing the food they need to maintain adequate nutrition.

National eligibility standards and benefit levels are established by Congress, while national administration of the program is provided by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service, which funds 100 percent of the benefits and half of the administrative costs. At the state level, CDSS is responsible for program supervision with county administration. The state pays 70 percent of the non-federal cost for administration and counties pay the remaining 30 percent.

Eligibility determination includes an assessment of income level, resources, residency, employment status and citizenship or legal immigrant status. Households in which all members receive CalWORKs benefits are considered categorically eligible for the CalFresh program (applicants are automatically eligible for CalFresh benefits if they are already receiving benefits from other specific low-income assistance programs). Public Assistance CalFresh (PACF) Households are household in which all members receive or are authorized to receive a cash benefit from a TANF or state-funded program. A non-assistance CalFresh (NACF) household is a CalFresh household in which none or less than all of its members also receive public assistance.

California's Supplemental Security Income/State Supplemental Payment (SSI/SSP) recipients do not receive CalFresh benefits. Instead, they receive cash equivalent (cash-out) as part of their benefits.

A Public Assistance CalFresh (PACF) household is a household in which all members are receiving or authorized to receive CalWORKs benefits.

A Non-Assistance CalFresh (NACF) is a CalFresh household containing some or all members not eligible to, or not receiving, federal cash aid benefits.

PROGRAM CHANGES FOR FFY 2015

Effective April 1, 2015, the lifetime ban on CalFresh benefits for those convicted of certain drug felonies was lifted. The change will bring greater stability to those released from prison as well as decreased recidivism.

Eliminate Change Reporting

Effective June 2015, Change Reporting was eliminated in an effort to streamline CalFresh reporting to one household reporting system as part of the ongoing effort to gain administrative simplicity and increased program access in CalFresh. All households were converted to SAR.

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Under QR (California's reporting system prior to SAR), federal rules excluded migrant and seasonal farmworker households, homeless households, households in which all adults are elderly/disabled and households living on Indian reservations from reporting quarterly and required these households to be assigned to Change Reporting. Change Reporting required households to report changes to certain eligibility factors (e.g., employment, income, residency, etc.) within 10 days of the change. Change Reporting was maintained for these households under California's implementation of SAR. Federal rules allow states to assign all households to SAR. California took advantage of this federal option to create administrative simplicity for CWDs and CalFresh households. Under SAR, households are required to submit one report at six months during the household's certification period. If the household exceeds the Income Reporting Threshold, a mid-period report must be submitted.

SURVEY DISPLAY

This report presents data on various social and economic characteristics of individuals and households who received CalFresh benefits in FFY 2015. The data reflect information obtained from the County Performance Sample survey conducted by CDSS.

For comparison purposes, the tables in this publication display NACF and PACF data separately. Pie and bar charts have been included as a visual aid to assist the reader. Median and mean values have been computed for many of the tables. The median is the point in the data that divides the population into two equal halves, and the mean is the average of the numbers. In a normally distributed population, the mean and the median are fairly close to one another. When the population is not normally distributed, the median and mean values are different because such a population lacks a well-defined center point.

SURVEY TOOL

Quality control reviews are conducted by the staff of the CDSS Field Operations Bureau and of the Performance Measurement Counties (PMC) using the Research and Development Enterprise Project (RADEP). The RADEP is a web-based data collection and reporting tool that is used for federal reporting requirements, policy development, program evaluation and characteristics surveys.

The data in this report reflect characteristics of households receiving CalFresh benefits for at least one month during FFY 2015. The information was derived from review of case records, third party verifications and CalFresh recipient interviews, which were conducted to verify data in the files and to provide additional information not be found in the case records. The Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS) file was used to supplement these data. In order to help case reviewers identify cases in RADEP, the existing CPS data is supplemented with MEDS data. The MEDS file contains 330 data fields on participants of publically subsidized programs that include personal information, demographics, aid codes, program status, county of services and other identifying information offering descriptive profiling to the CPS name, address, and eligibility status.

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SAMPLING INFORMATION

The sampled cases were drawn from a county CalFresh Monthly Issuance File. This file consisted of all certified eligible households that were issued CalFresh benefits in a particular month. Each month, a random sample of CalFresh household cases is drawn from the 19 PMCs. The sample of the 19 PMCs represents approximately 90 percent of the statewide sample. An additional sample is drawn from the remaining 39 counties as a whole. The total sample for FFY 2015 consisted of 5,480 cases.

DATA PRESENTATION

The data in this publication were derived using statistical methodology to expand the number of sample cases to the actual number of CalFresh cases that received CalFresh benefits during the twelve-month period in FFY 2015. Since the sample was drawn from a household file (not persons), the person data were also expanded using statistically derived case weights. Due to sample expansion, the frequencies may or may not be the same as those found in other reports. Also, because of rounding, the frequencies may or may not add up to the totals vertically and/or horizontally. However, the differences are small and often not statistically significant.

RELIABILITY OF THE DATA

Since the information presented in the tables was based on a sample, it may differ somewhat from figures that would have been obtained if a complete census had been taken. Comparison of data from multiple sources (sample reviews, county reports and comparable prior studies) shows the information to be quite reliable. However, as with all sample data, caution should be exercised in the interpretation of figures when based on a relatively small number of cases.

The CalFresh survey is based upon a random sample selection process that has a confidence level of 95 percent and a precision of plus or minus two percent.

CALFRESH RECIPIENT PROFILE

Like the population at large, the CalFresh population has a wide range of social and economic characteristics. The chart below shows the comparison of some of the key characteristics of the households receiving CalFresh in FFY 2002 and FFY 2011-FFY 2015.

CHARACTERISTICS	FFY 2002	FFY 2011	FFY 2012	FFY 2013	FFY 2014	FFY 2015
Average age of head of household (years)	36.6	37.3	37.8	38.8	39.8	39.9
Average age of children (years)	8.3	7.2	7.5	7.4	7.5	7.6
Average number of persons per household	2.7	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.1
Average number of children per household	1.8	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.1
Percent of recipients that are United States citizens	90.8%	93.3%	93.7%	94.1%	93.3%	93.4%
Percent of heads of the household completing at least 12 years education	55.2%	62.5%	62.9%	65.3%	67.6%	71.2%
Average CalFresh allotment per household	\$199	\$315	\$311	\$315	\$304	\$299
Percent of CalFresh recipients that also receive CalWORKs benefits	63.0%	32.8%	31.1%	27.2%	24.4%	25.6%
Percent of CalFresh households that also receive CalWORKs benefits	49.8%	27.6%	24.7%	22.7%	19.4%	19.3%
Percent of single-person NACF households	42.5%	47.2%	51.0%	50.9%	50.4%	54.0%
PERCENT OF HEADS OF THE HOUSEHOLD WHO ARE:						
Hispanic	33.8%	40.3%	41.4%	40.1%	40.3%	39.5%
White	30.1%	31.0%	30.6%	33.3%	30.3%	33.1%
Black	25.0%	19.3%	17.7%	18.1%	19.3%	18.2%
*Asian/Pacific Islander	10.9%	6.4%	6.6%	5.9%	6.2%	5.8%
*Other	0.0%	3.0%	3.6%	2.6%	3.9%	3.3%
PERCENT OF CALFRESH RECIPIENTS WHO ARE:						
Hispanic	46.4%	56.2%	56.3%	57.1%	55.4%	56.7%
White	20.7%	21.3%	20.9%	22.1%	20.2%	21.5%
Black	18.8%	13.7%	13.4%	12.3%	14.6%	13.3%
*Asian/Pacific Islander	14.1%	6.0%	5.7%	5.5%	5.8%	5.6%
*Other	0.0%	2.8%	3.7%	3.0%	4.0%	2.9%

* As of FFY 2011, the "Asian/Pacific Islander" category no longer includes "Other".

SECTION 1

GENDER, CITIZENSHIP & RACE/ETHNICITY

Sixty-seven percent of CalFresh households were headed by females; two percentage points lower than in FFY 2014 (Figure 1). In addition, the majority of CalFresh recipients were females (Figure 2).

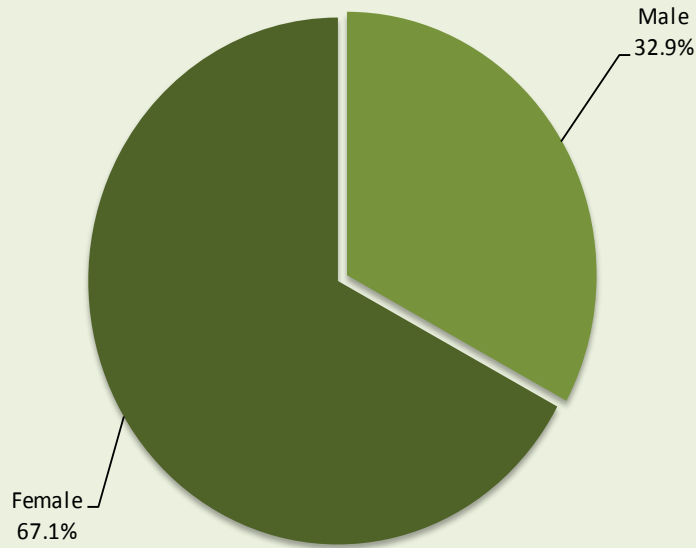
Eighty nine percent of household heads and 93 percent of CalFresh recipients were United States citizens (Figures 3 and 4). The proportion of citizen recipients was the same as in the previous Federal Fiscal Year.

The race/ethnic characteristics of household heads were also examined. Figure 5 shows that 40 percent of heads of household were Hispanic and 33 percent were White. Eighteen percent of CalFresh heads of households were Black and nine percent were grouped in the Asia/Pacific Islander or “Other” category.

The distribution of CalFresh recipients by race and ethnicity shows that 57 percent were Hispanic, 22 percent White, 13 percent Black, and nine percent were Asian Pacific Islanders or fit the “Others” category (Figure 6). In comparison to the previous federal fiscal year, the proportion of Hispanics and Whites increased by 1.3 percent, and that of Blacks decreased by 1.3 percent. The Asian Pacific Islander group remained (more or less) unchanged, while the “Other” category decreased by 1.1 percent.

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FIGURE 1
GENDER OF THE HEAD OF THE CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD 1/



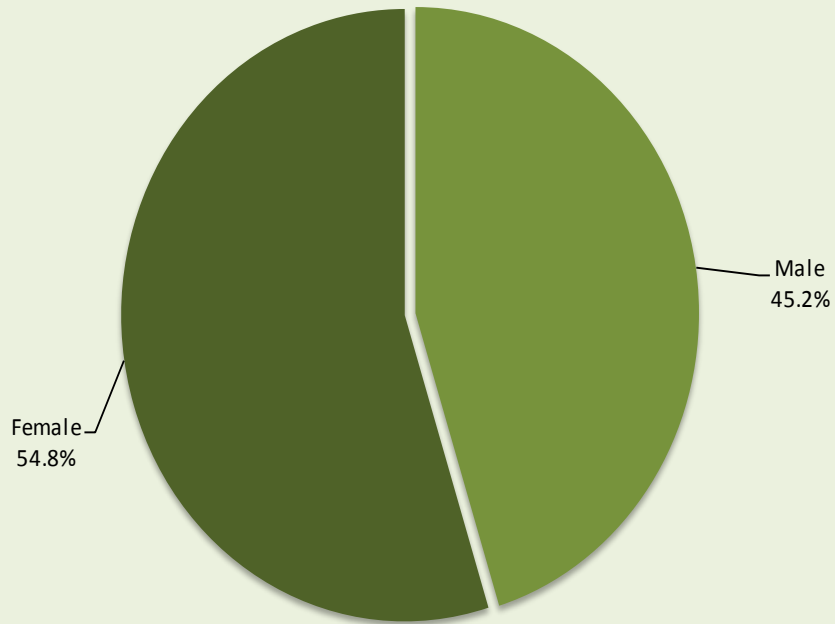
Sixty-seven percent of CalFresh households are headed by women. In CalWORKS/CalFresh households, 91 percent are headed by women.

GENDER	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>2,073,233</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>399,644</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1,673,590</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Not Applicable ^{1/}	406,816	19.6	131,651	32.9	275,165	16.4
Head of Household:	<u>1,666,417</u>	80.4	<u>267,993</u>	67.1	<u>1,398,425</u>	83.6
Male	548,395	32.9	24,865	9.3	523,531	37.4
Female	1,118,022	67.1	243,128	90.7	874,894	62.6

1/ "Not Applicable" refers to those households in which the parents or responsible household members were not designated as head of household or authorized representative due to their alien, SSI/SSP or other ineligible recipient status.

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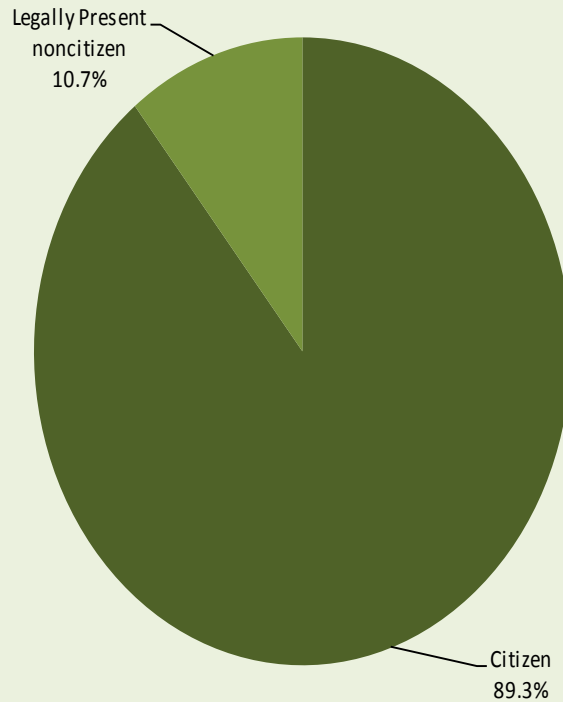
**FIGURE 2
GENDER OF THE CALFRESH RECIPIENTS**



GENDER	TOTAL RECIPIENTS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	4,449,303	100.0	1,138,628	100.0	3,310,675	100.0
Male	2,012,347	45.2	483,019	42.4	1,529,328	46.2
Female	2,436,956	54.8	655,609	57.6	1,781,347	53.8

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FIGURE 3
CITIZENSHIP STATUS OF THE HEAD OF THE CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD 1/



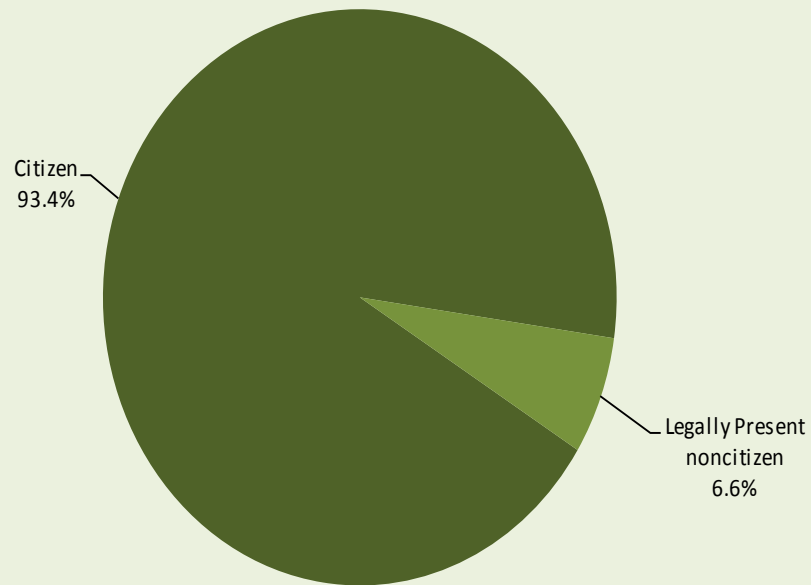
CITIZENSHIP STATUS	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
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	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	2,073,234	100.0	399,643	100.0	1,673,591	100.0
Not Applicable ^{1/}	406,816	19.6	131,651	32.9	275,165	16.4
Head of Household:	1,666,418	80.4	267,992	67.1	1,398,426	83.6
Citizen	1,487,658	89.3	240,841	89.9	1,246,817	89.2
Legally Present noncitizen	178,760	10.7	27,151	10.1	151,609	10.8

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Note: Noncitizens include legal permanent residences, refugees, persons granted asylum, noncitizen legally in the United States, and other noncitizens.

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FIGURE 4
CITIZENSHIP STATUS OF THE CALFRESH RECIPIENTS

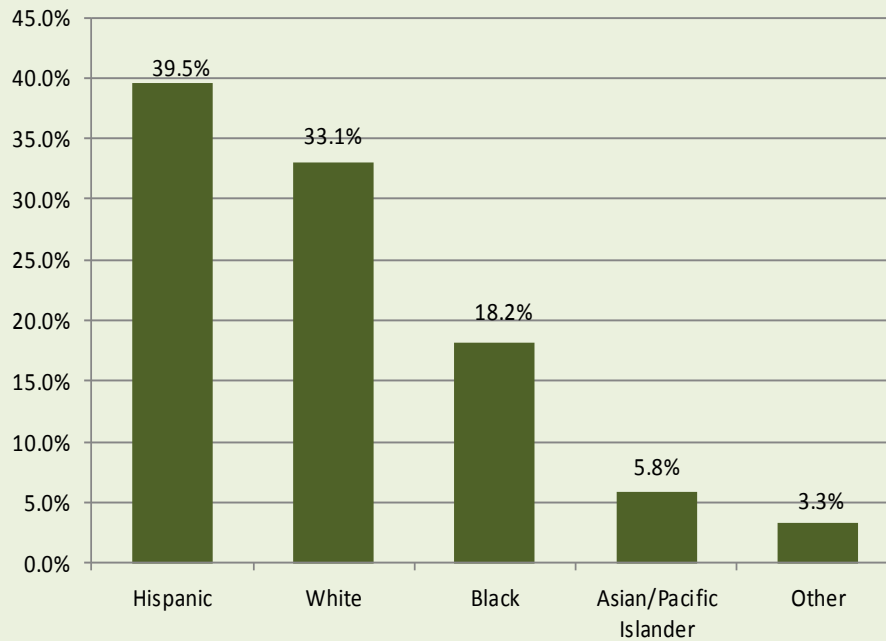


CITIZENSHIP STATUS	TOTAL RECIPIENTS		CLASSIFICATION			
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	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	4,449,303	100.0	1,138,628	100.0	3,310,675	100.0
Citizen	4,154,715	93.4	1,094,768	96.1	3,059,947	92.4
Legally Present noncitizen	294,588	6.6	43,860	3.9	250,728	7.6

Note: Noncitizens include legal permanent residences, refugees, persons granted asylum, noncitizen legally in the United States, and other noncitizens.

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FIGURE 5
RACE/ETHNICITY OF THE HEAD OF THE CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD 1/

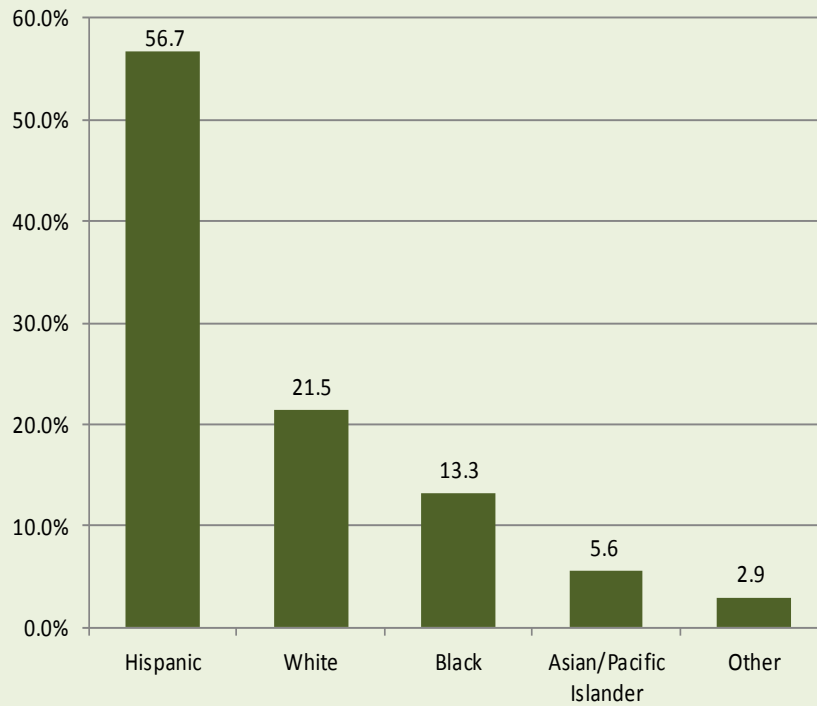


RACE/ETHNICITY	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
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	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>2,073,234</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>399,643</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1,673,591</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Not Applicable ^{1/}	406,816	19.6	131,651	32.9	275,165	16.4
Head of Household:	<u>1,666,418</u>	80.4	<u>267,992</u>	67.1	<u>1,398,426</u>	83.6
Hispanic	658,544	39.5	120,698	45.0	537,846	38.5
White	551,397	33.1	57,161	21.3	494,236	35.3
Black	303,827	18.2	74,924	28.0	228,903	16.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	97,352	5.8	8,594	3.2	88,759	6.3
Other	55,298	3.3	6,615	2.5	48,683	3.5

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**FIGURE 6
RACE/ETHNICITY OF THE CALFRESH RECIPIENTS**



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	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	4,449,303	100.0	1,138,628	100.0	3,310,675	100.0
Hispanic	2,521,656	56.7	672,737	59.1	1,848,919	55.8
White	957,174	21.5	185,695	16.3	771,479	23.3
Black	591,608	13.3	218,388	19.2	373,220	11.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	247,750	5.6	35,812	3.1	211,939	6.4
Other	131,115	2.9	25,997	2.3	105,119	3.2

SECTION 2

AGE & HOUSEHOLD SIZE

The average age of CalFresh head of household remained about the same compared to the previous year; 39.8 years in FFY 2014 and 39.9 years this year (Figure 7).

In FFY 2015, more than half (53 percent) of recipients were children. This is the same as in FFY 2014. The average age of the children on CalFresh was seven and half years both in FFY 2014 and FFY 2015 (Figure 8).

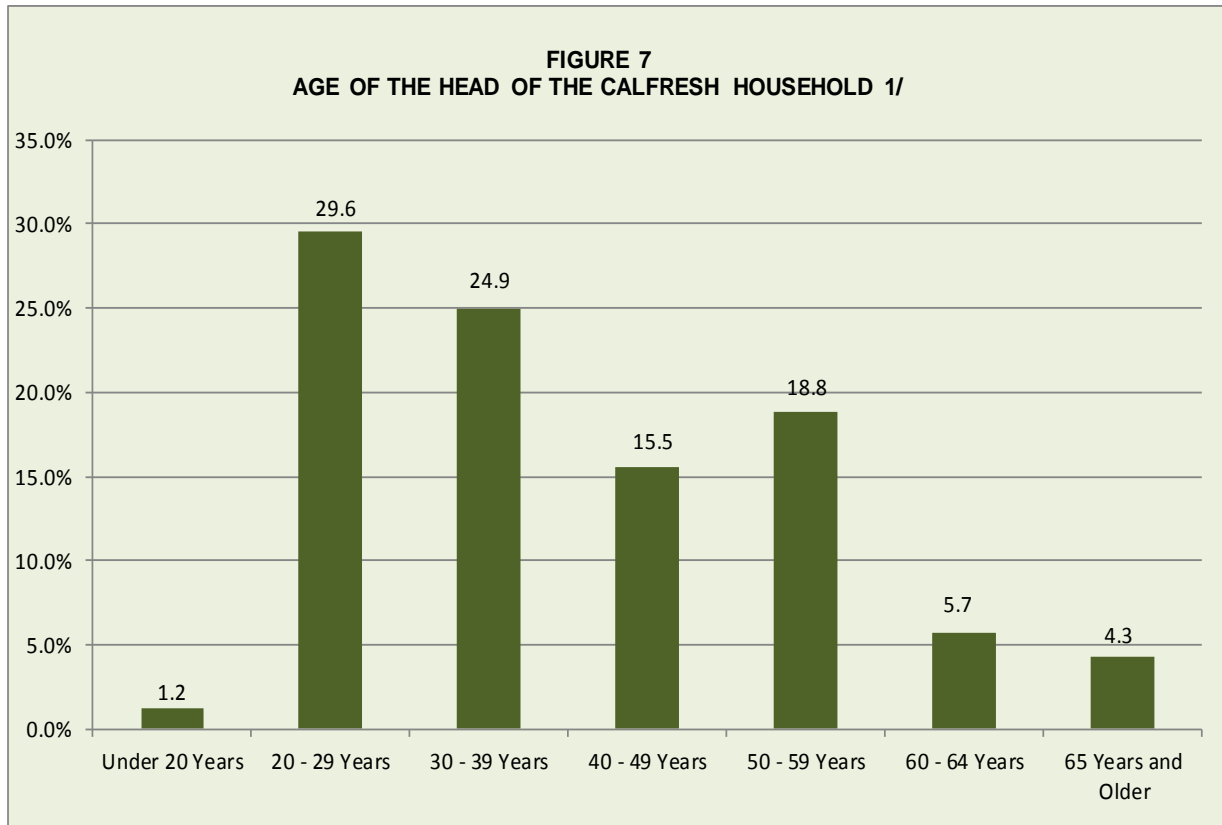
The proportion of elderly heads of households was 7.6 percent (a one percentage point decrease from the previous fiscal year), and that of disabled household heads was 3.6 percent (a 1.4 percentage point decrease compared to FFY 2014). The proportion of household heads that were both elderly and disabled was 2.3 percent (Figure 9).

The average number of persons in CalFresh households decreased slightly from 2.2 persons per household in FFY 2014 to 2.1 persons per household in FFY 2015 (Figure 10).

Approximately four percent of CalFresh households were single-person child-only households. This is two percentage points below FFY 2014 (Figure 10). Child-only households are households that do not have an eligible adult living in the household. Forty-one percent of CalFresh households were single-person households with no children

Figure 11 shows percentages of persons that were present in a CalFresh household but were excluded from receiving benefits sometime during FFY 2015. The proportion of households where one person was excluded was 76.3 percent. The proportion of households where two and three persons were excluded was 18.1 percent and 2.6 percent respectively. Four persons were excluded from 3.0 percent of households.

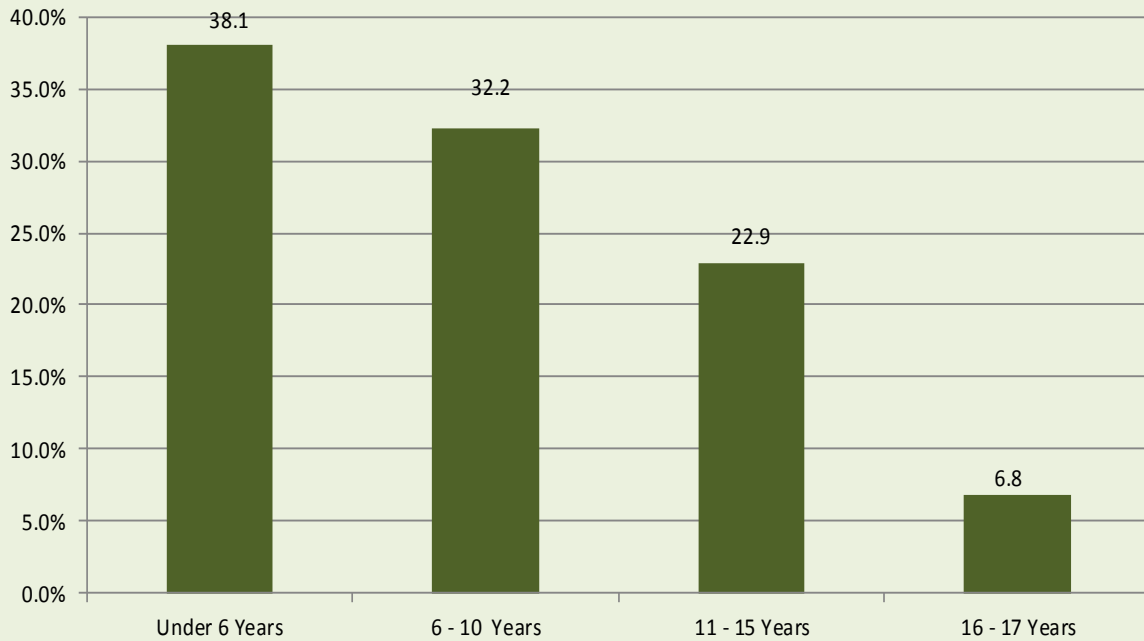
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Total	2,073,234	100.0	399,643	100.0	1,673,591	100.0
Not Applicable ^{1/}	406,816	19.6	131,651	32.9	275,165	16.4
Head of Household:	1,666,418	80.4	267,992	67.1	1,398,426	83.6
Under 20 Years	20,110	1.2	2,242	0.8	17,868	1.3
20 - 29 Years	493,047	29.6	122,368	45.7	370,679	26.5
30 - 39 Years	415,525	24.9	89,494	33.4	326,031	23.3
40 - 49 Years	258,597	15.5	43,800	16.3	214,797	15.4
50 - 59 Years	313,763	18.8	9,005	3.4	304,758	21.8
60 - 64 Years	94,389	5.7	1,008	0.4	93,381	6.7
65 Years and Older	70,987	4.3	76	0.0	70,911	5.1
Average/Median age	39.9/ 37		32.4/ 30		41.4/ 39	

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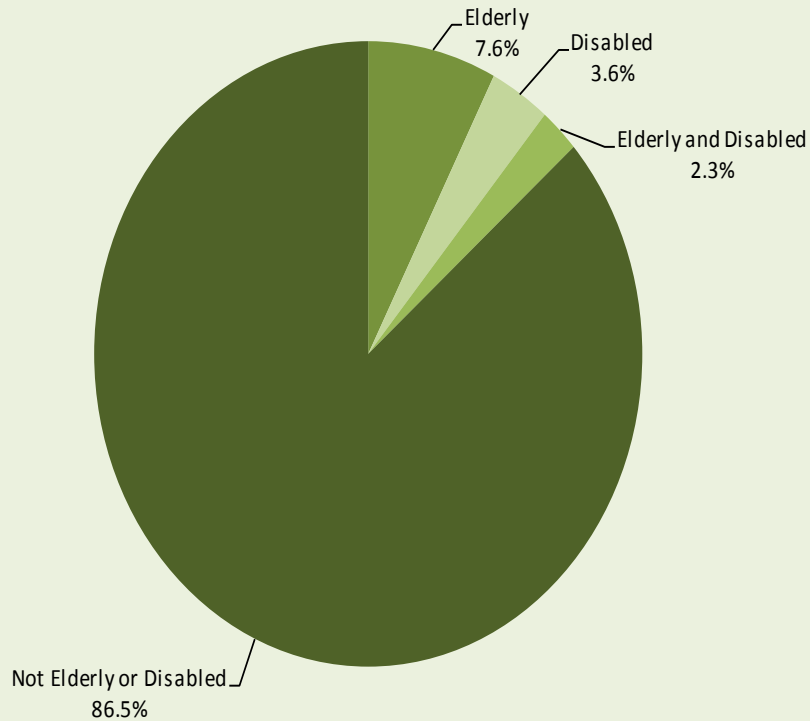
**FIGURE 8
AGE OF CHILDREN OF THE CALFRESH RECIPIENTS**



AGE	TOTAL RECIPIENTS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	4,449,303	100.0	1,138,628	100.0	3,310,675	100.0
Adults in the CF Household	2,090,888	47.0	327,310	28.7	1,763,578	53.3
Children in the CF Household:	2,358,415	53.0	811,318	71.3	1,547,097	46.7
Under 6 Years	898,000	38.1	342,216	42.2	555,784	35.9
6 - 10 Years	759,276	32.2	273,584	33.7	485,692	31.4
11 - 15 Years	539,969	22.9	149,090	18.4	390,879	25.3
16 - 17 Years	161,170	6.8	46,428	5.7	114,742	7.4
Average Age of Child (Years)	7.6		7		7.8	

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FIGURE 9
ELDERLY OR DISABLED STATUS OF THE HEAD OF THE CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD 1/



ELDERLY OR DISABLED STATUS	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	2,073,234	100.0	399,643	100.0	1,673,592	100.0
Not Applicable ^{1/}	406,816	19.6	131,651	32.9	275,165	16.4
Head of Household:	1,666,418	80.4	267,992	67.1	1,398,427	83.6
Elderly	126,257	7.6	904	0.3	125,354	9.0
Disabled	59,341	3.6	1,582	0.6	57,759	4.1
Elderly and Disabled	39,119	2.3	180	0.1	38,939	2.8
Not Elderly or Disabled	1,441,701	86.5	265,326	99.0	1,176,375	84.1

1/ "Not Applicable" refers to those households in which the parents or responsible household members were not designated as head of household or authorized representative due to their alien, SSI/SSP or other ineligible recipient status.

Note: Those aged 60 and over are considered elderly, and the disabled category includes those who are deemed physically/mentally unfit for employment.

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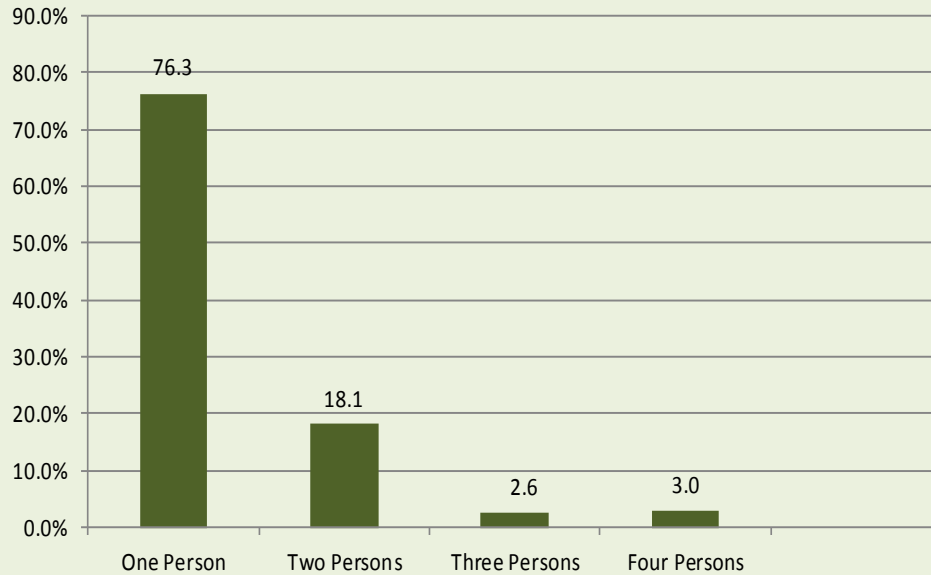
FIGURE 10
NUMBER OF PERSONS IN THE CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD



PERSONS IN HOUSEHOLD	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	2,073,233	100.0	399,644	100.0	1,673,589	100.0
One Person						
With Children	88,919	4.3	30,347	7.6	58,572	3.5
No Children	848,400	40.9	3,462	0.9	844,938	50.5
Two Persons						
With Children	382,771	18.5	163,409	40.9	219,362	13.1
No Children	74,815	3.6	573	0.1	74,242	4.4
Three Persons						
With Children	313,607	15.1	96,260	24.1	217,347	13.0
No Children	16,756	0.8	694	0.2	16,062	1.0
Four Persons						
With Children	199,699	9.6	61,332	15.3	138,367	8.3
No Children	4,715	0.2	0	0.0	4,715	0.3
Five Persons or more						
With Children	143,551	6.9	43,567	10.9	99,984	6.0
No Children	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Average/Median Persons	2.1 / 2		2.8 / 3		2.0 / 1	

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FIGURE 11
NUMBER OF PERSONS IN THE SAME LIVING QUARTERS
NOT INCLUDED IN THE CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD



HOUSEHOLDS WITH OTHER PERSONS	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	27,871	100.0	8,106	100.0	19,764	100.0
One Person	21,259	76.3	5,419	66.9	15,840	80.1
Two Persons	5,043	18.1	2,159	26.6	2,885	14.6
Three Persons	722	2.6	123	1.5	599	3.0
Four Persons	847	3.0	406	5.0	441	2.2
Average Number of Other Persons	1.3		1.4		1.3	

SECTION 3

INCOME

Three sources accounted the incomes received by 64 percent of CalFresh households. Forty-five percent received CalWORKs or TANF, 14 percent received general relief, and six percent received unemployment compensation. In comparison to FFY 2014, the proportion of CalFresh households on public assistance increased by two percentage points while the proportion of those receiving general relief remained the same. The proportion of CalFresh households receiving unemployment compensation decreased by one percentage point (Figure 12).

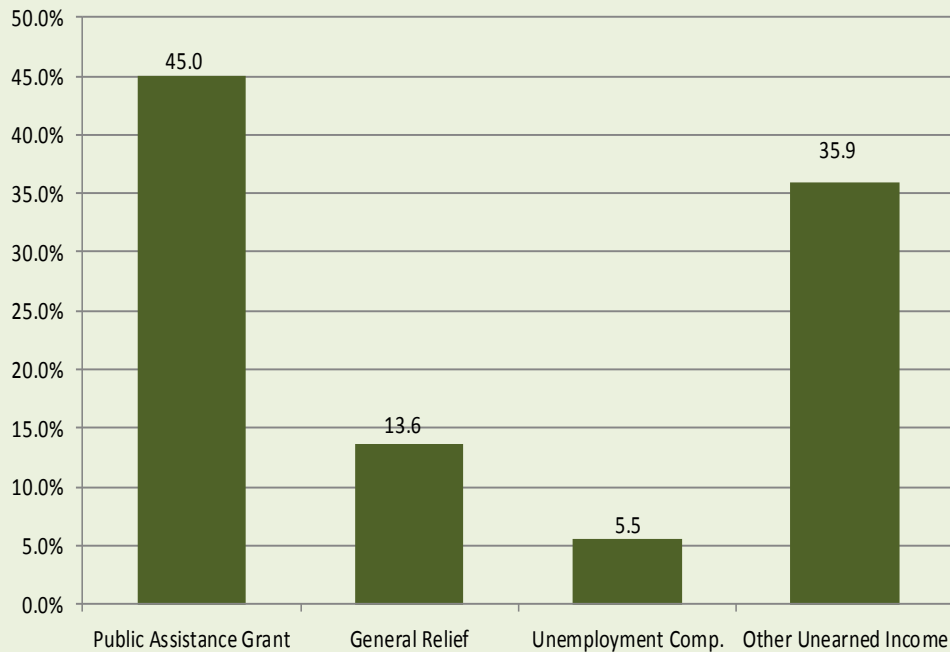
The proportion of CalFresh households that had earned income remained unchanged at 25 percent in both FFY 2014 and FFY 2015 (Figure 13).

Eighty-seven percent of CalFresh households that had earned income were paid salary or wages. The proportion that received wages is greater than in the previous federal fiscal year by four percentage points (Figure 13).

The average net income used to determine the CalFresh allotment was \$504 in 2014 and \$538 in 2015. The proportion of CalFresh households that did not have a net income to be used in the determination of their benefits decreased from 61 percent in FFY 2014 to 59 percent in FFY 2015 (Figure 14).

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FIGURE 12
SOURCE OF UNEARNED INCOME



Sixty two percent of the CalFresh households reported no unearned income.

INCOME SOURCE	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS			CLASSIFICATION					
	Number	Percent	Avg./Med.	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE			NONASSISTANCE		
				Number	Percent	Avg./Med.	Number	Percent	Avg./Med.
Total	2,073,234	100.0		399,644	100.0		1,673,591	100.0	
No Unearned Income	1,281,454	61.8		120,248	30.1		1,161,206	69.4	
Unearned Income:	791,780	38.2	100.0	279,396	69.9	100.0	512,385	30.6	100.0
Public Assistance Grant	356,380	45.0	\$499 / \$516	269,668	96.5	\$513 / \$516	86,712	16.9	\$454 / \$482
General Relief	107,688	13.6	\$222 / \$221	2,126	0.8	\$0 / \$0	105,562	20.6	\$222 / \$221
Unemployment Comp.	43,525	5.5	\$762 / \$675	4,400	1.6	\$365 / \$390	39,125	7.6	\$771 / \$698
Other Unearned Income	284,187	35.9	\$677 / \$700	3,201	1.1	\$131 / \$50	280,986	54.8	\$742 / \$757

Note: Other unearned income includes Social Security, Worker's Compensation, government and non-government disability, pensions, alimony, deemed income, and Veterans Benefits.

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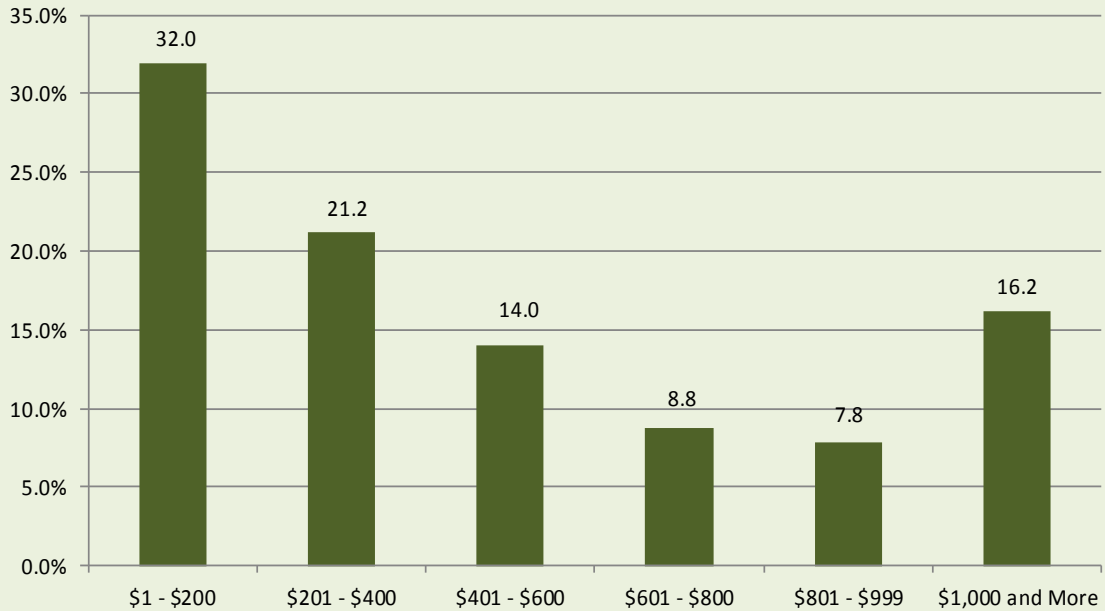
FIGURE 13
SOURCE OF EARNED INCOME



INCOME SOURCE	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS			CLASSIFICATION					
				PUBLIC ASSISTANCE			NONASSISTANCE		
	Number	Percent	Avg./Med.	Number	Percent	Avg./Med.	Number	Percent	Avg./Med.
Total	2,073,234	100.0		399,643	100.0		1,673,591	100.0	
No Earned Income	1,558,327	75.2		348,957	87.3		1,209,370	72.3	
Earned Income:	514,907	24.8	100.0	50,686	12.7	100.0	464,221	27.7	100.0
Salary/Wages	446,040	86.6	\$1116 / \$1005	46,612	92.0	\$794 / \$733	399,428	86.0	\$1153 / \$1056
Self-Employment	63,144	12.3	\$504 / \$360	3,503	6.9	\$402 / \$360	59,641	12.8	\$510 / \$355
Other Earned Income	5,723	1.1	\$100 / \$25	571	1.1	\$126 / \$40	5,152	1.1	\$97 / \$20

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FIGURE 14
NET INCOME USED TO DETERMINE THE CALFRESH ALLOTMENT



The average net income used in determining the CalFresh allotment was \$373 for all CalFresh households and \$199 for CalWORKs/CalFresh households.

NET INCOME	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	2,073,235	100.0	399,643	100.0	1,673,591	100.0
No Net Income	1,216,828	58.7	182,432	45.6	1,034,396	61.8
Net Income:	856,407	41.3	217,211	54.4	639,195	38.2
\$1 - \$200	273,668	32.0	112,224	51.7	161,444	25.3
\$201 - \$400	181,335	21.2	50,945	23.5	130,390	20.4
\$401 - \$600	119,909	14.0	32,139	14.8	87,770	13.7
\$601 - \$800	75,399	8.8	9,342	4.3	66,057	10.3
\$801 - \$999	67,121	7.8	5,579	2.6	61,542	9.6
\$1,000 and More	138,975	16.2	6,982	3.2	131,993	20.6
Average/Median Net Income	\$538 / \$373		\$292 / \$199		\$622 / \$499	

Note: The household's net income and deductions are used to determine the correct benefit level.

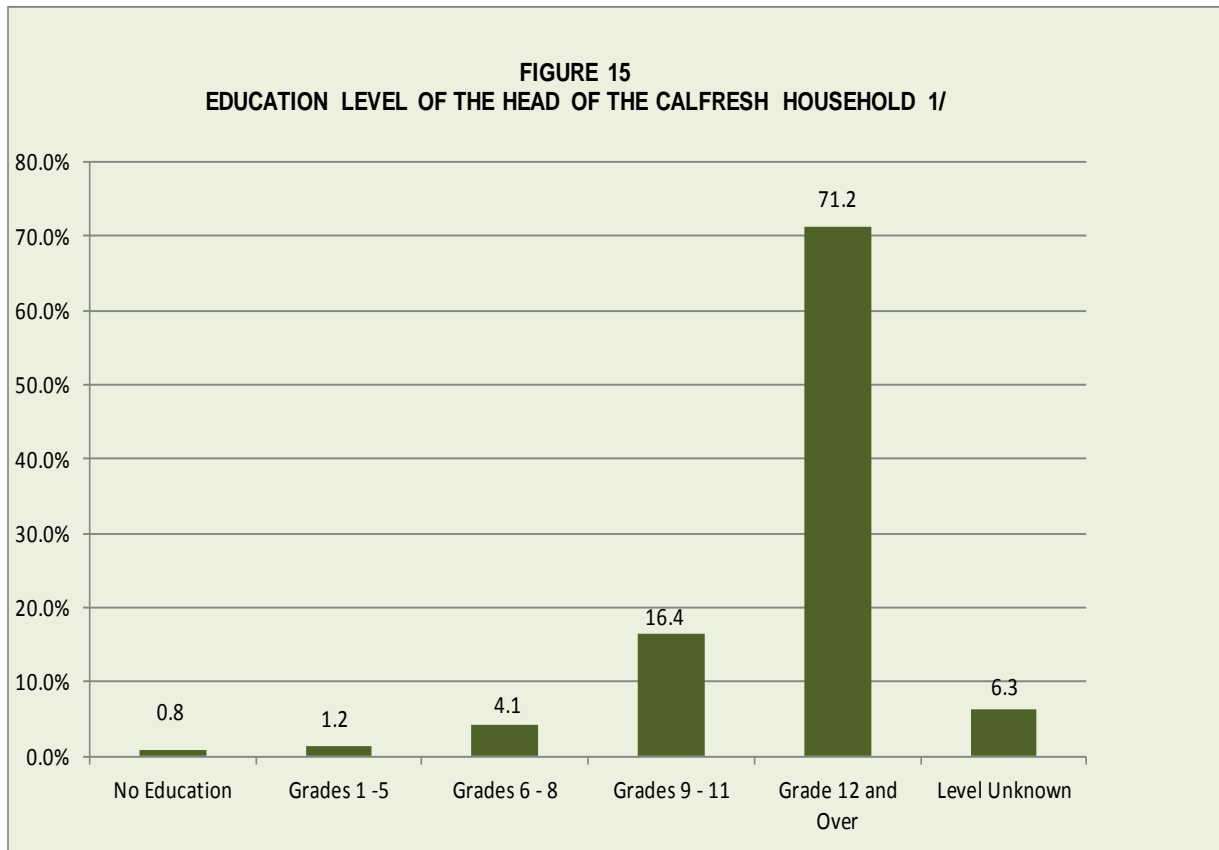
SECTION 4

EDUCATION

The percentage of CalFresh heads of household that completed 12 or more years of schooling increased from 54 percent (FFY 2014) to 57 percent in FFY 2015 (Figure 15).

No net income was reported by 57 percent of the CalFresh heads of households with less than 12 years of education. This is five percentage points lower than in FFY 2014 (Figure 15a).

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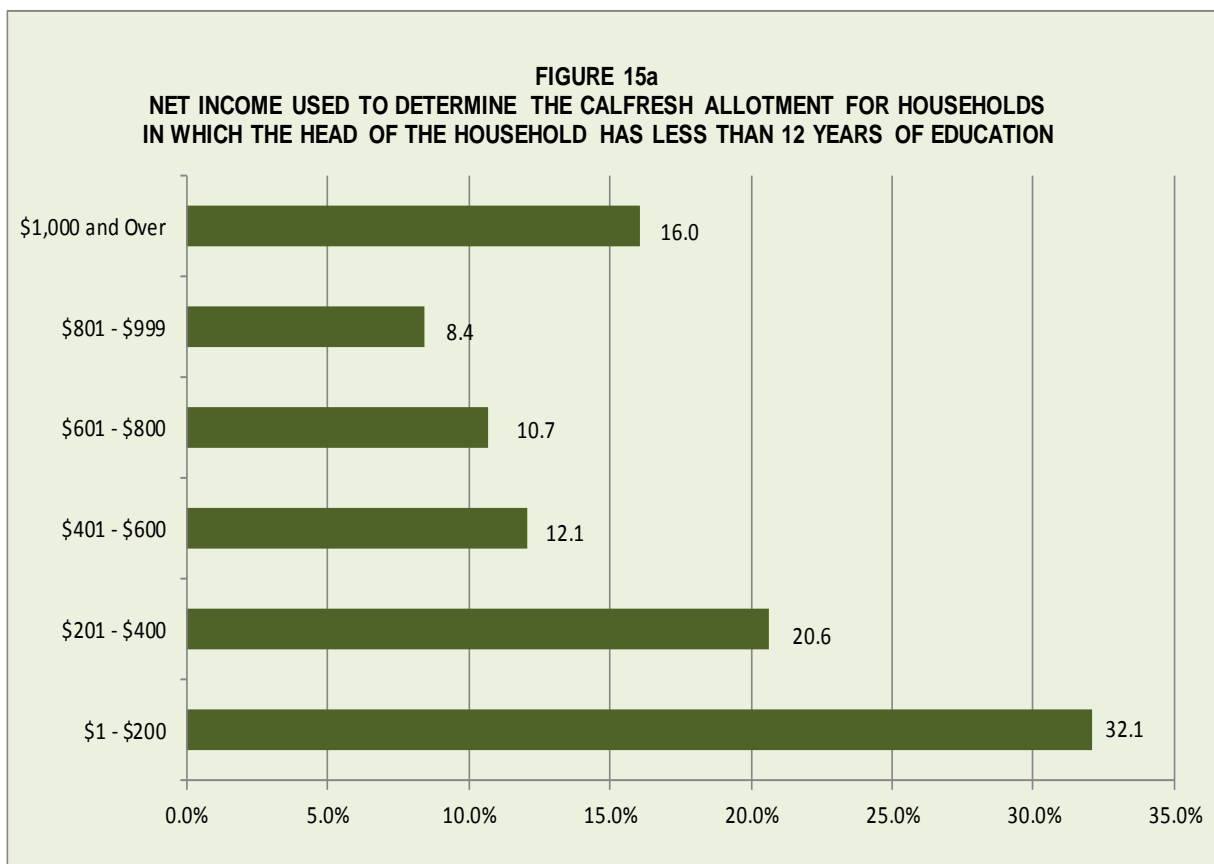


Seventy-one percent of all CalFresh households have completed 12 or more years of education.

EDUCATION LEVEL	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	2,073,234	100.0	399,643	100.0	1,673,590	100.0
Not Applicable ^{1/}	406,816	19.6	131,651	32.9	275,165	16.4
Head of Household:	1,666,418	80.4	267,992	67.1	1,398,425	83.6
No Education	13,136	0.8	406	0.2	12,731	0.9
Grades 1 - 5	20,284	1.2	1,596	0.6	18,687	1.3
Grades 6 - 8	68,708	4.1	9,975	3.7	58,732	4.2
Grades 9 - 11	273,439	16.4	52,601	19.6	220,838	15.8
Grade 12 and Over	1,186,013	71.2	198,848	74.2	987,165	70.6
Level Unknown	104,838	6.3	4,566	1.7	100,272	7.2

1/ "Not Applicable" refers to those households in which the parents or responsible household members were not designated as head of household or authorized representative due to their alien, SSI/SSP or other ineligible recipient status.

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Fifty-seven percent of household heads in CalFresh-only households reported zero net income.

NET INCOME	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Head of Household	375,566	100.0	64,578	100.0	310,988	100.0
No Net Income	213,954	57.0	24,155	37.4	189,799	61.0
Net Income:	161,612	43.0	40,423	62.6	121,189	39.0
\$1 - \$200	51,866	32.1	21,754	53.8	30,112	24.8
\$201 - \$400	33,370	20.6	7,531	18.6	25,839	21.3
\$401 - \$600	19,505	12.1	8,284	20.5	11,221	9.3
\$601 - \$800	17,299	10.7	1,309	3.2	15,991	13.2
\$801 - \$999	13,640	8.4	559	1.4	13,080	10.8
\$1,000 and Over	25,931	16.0	986	2.4	24,946	20.6

SECTION 5

BENEFITS

The average time on aid for CalFresh benefits increased from 23 months in FFY 2014 to 25 months in 2015. In the public assistance households, the average time on aid increased from 32 months in FFY 2014 to 35 months In FFY 2015 (Figure 16).

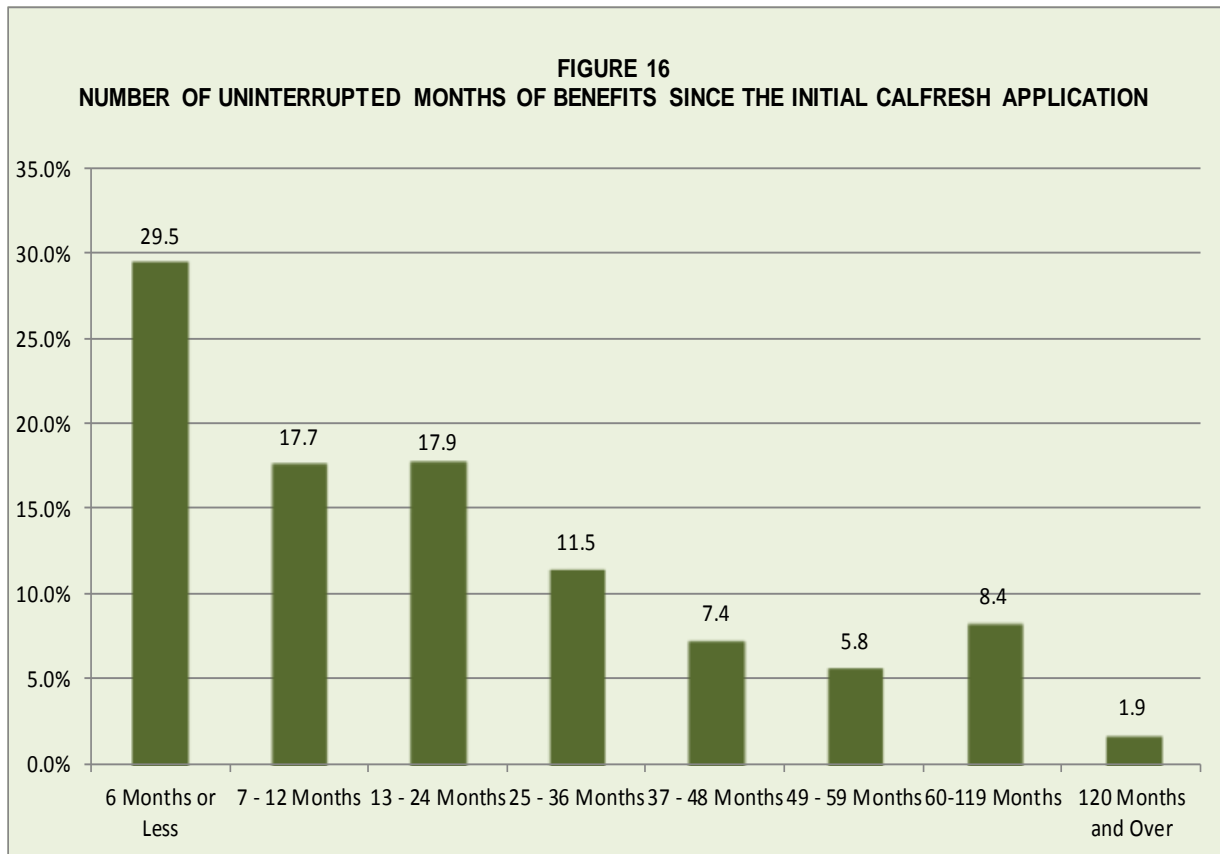
Of CalFresh households that received benefits continuously for seven to 12 months 75 percent were Hispanic or White, 62 percent did not have a net income at the time of application for the CalFresh benefit, 72.8 percent had completed 12 plus years of schooling, and had an average household size of 2.0 persons.

Figure 17 shows the length of certification period of CalFresh households. Over 90 percent of households were enrolled 10 to 12 months, and above five percent had been enrolled 13 months and over.

We also examined allotment amounts. Forty-five percent of CalFresh households received between \$101 and \$200. Approximately 25.2 percent received between \$301 and \$500. About 16.7 percent of households received over \$500 (Figure 18). The average monthly CalFresh benefit decreased by five dollars between FFY 2014 (\$304) and FFY 2015 (\$299).

Figure 19 shows that 94.1 percent of CalFresh households did not own any resources. This is eight percentage points higher than in 2014. The percentage is higher among public assistance households than non-public assistance households.

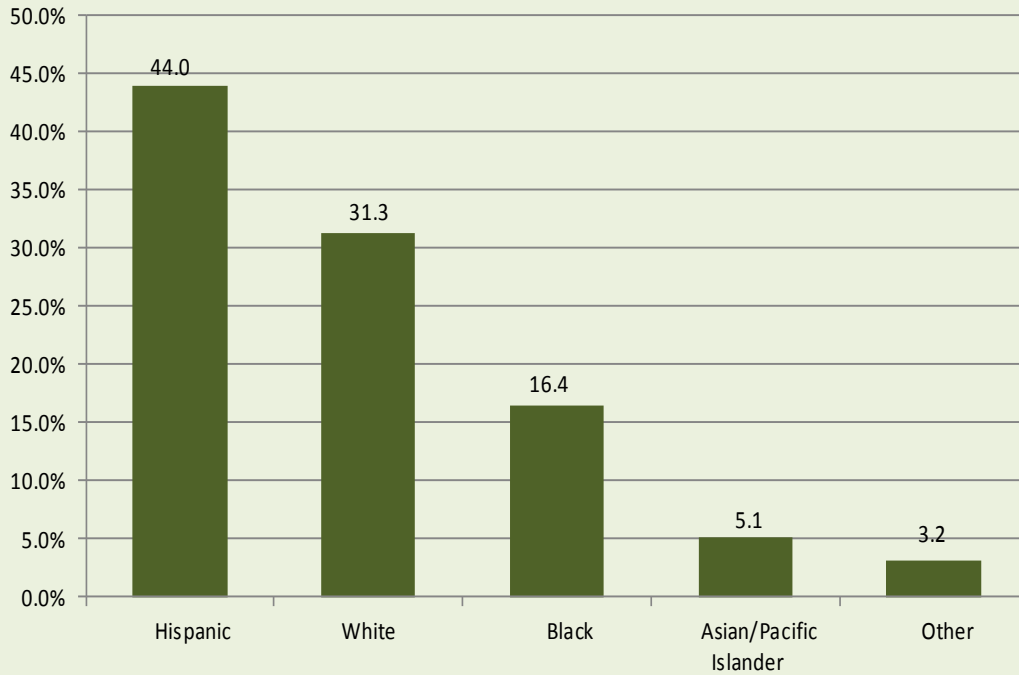
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MONTHS	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	2,073,235	100.0	399,643	100.0	1,673,591	100.0
6 Months or Less	612,050	29.5	74,350	18.6	537,700	32.1
7 - 12 Months	367,507	17.7	47,332	11.8	320,175	19.1
13 - 24 Months	370,684	17.9	84,388	21.1	286,296	17.1
25 - 36 Months	239,314	11.5	62,563	15.7	176,751	10.6
37 - 48 Months	152,492	7.4	38,352	9.6	114,140	6.8
49 - 59 Months	119,250	5.8	28,229	7.1	91,021	5.4
60-119 Months	173,478	8.4	44,498	11.1	128,981	7.7
120 Months and Over	38,460	1.9	19,931	5.0	18,528	1.1
Average Months	25.1		34.7		22.8	

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FIGURE 16a
RACE/ETHNICITY OF THE HEAD OF THE CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD
THAT RECEIVED CALFRESH CONTINUOUSLY FOR SEVEN TO TWELVE MONTHS ^{2/}

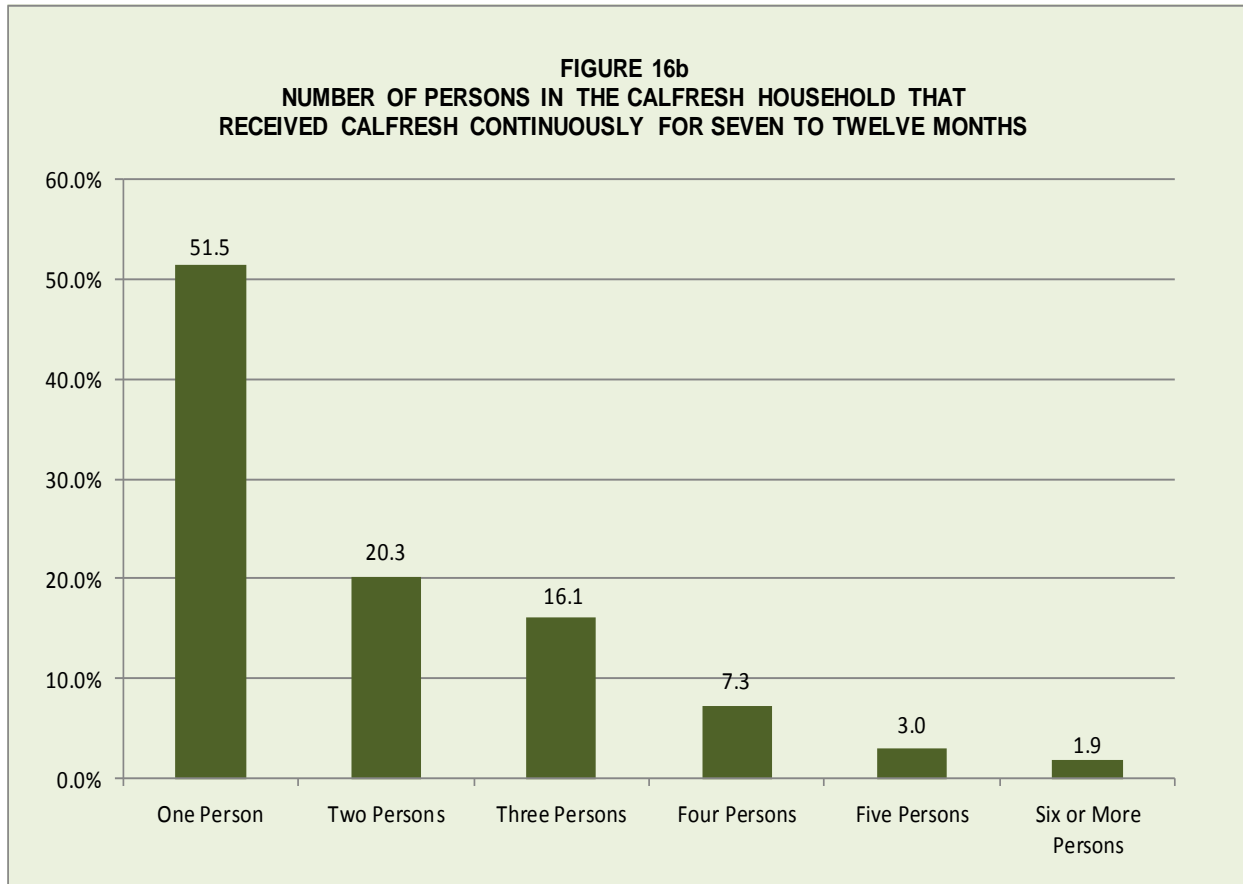


RACE/ETHNICITY	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total ^{1/}	<u>367,508</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>47,332</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>320,176</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Not Applicable ^{2/}	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Head of Household:	<u>367,508</u>	100.0	<u>47,332</u>	100.0	<u>320,176</u>	100.0
Hispanic	161,741	44.0	20,532	43.4	141,209	44.1
White	115,015	31.3	10,102	21.3	104,913	32.8
Black	60,313	16.4	12,582	26.6	47,731	14.9
Asian/Pacific Islander	18,674	5.1	1,959	4.1	16,715	5.2
Other	11,765	3.2	2,157	4.6	9,608	3.0

1/ From Table 16.

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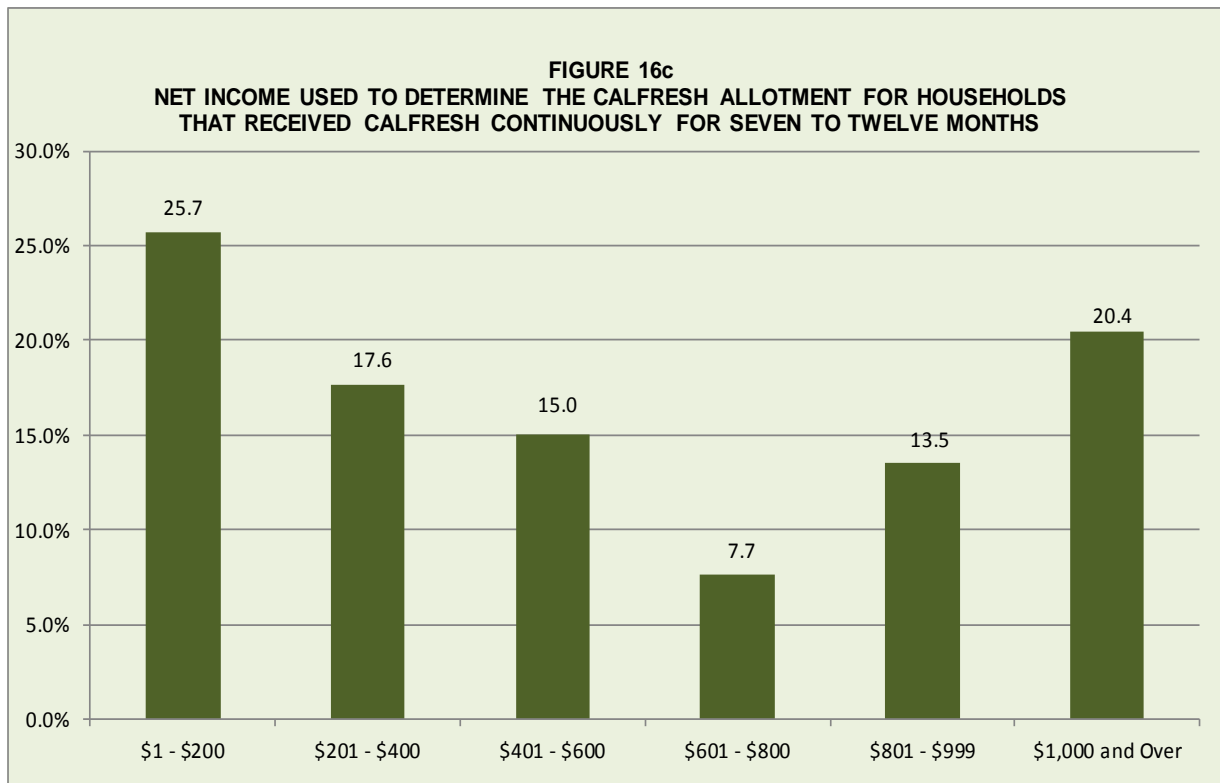
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PERSONS IN HOUSEHOLD	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total ^{1/}	367,507	100.0	47,332	100.0	320,175	100.0
One Person	189,166	51.5	7,530	15.9	181,636	56.7
Two Persons	74,463	20.3	19,973	42.2	54,490	17.0
Three Persons	59,020	16.1	10,562	22.3	48,458	15.1
Four Persons	26,956	7.3	5,839	12.3	21,117	6.6
Five Persons	10,978	3.0	1,179	2.5	9,799	3.1
Six or More Persons	6,923	1.9	2,249	4.8	4,675	1.5
Average/Median Persons	2.0/1.0		2.6/2.0		1.9 / 1.0	

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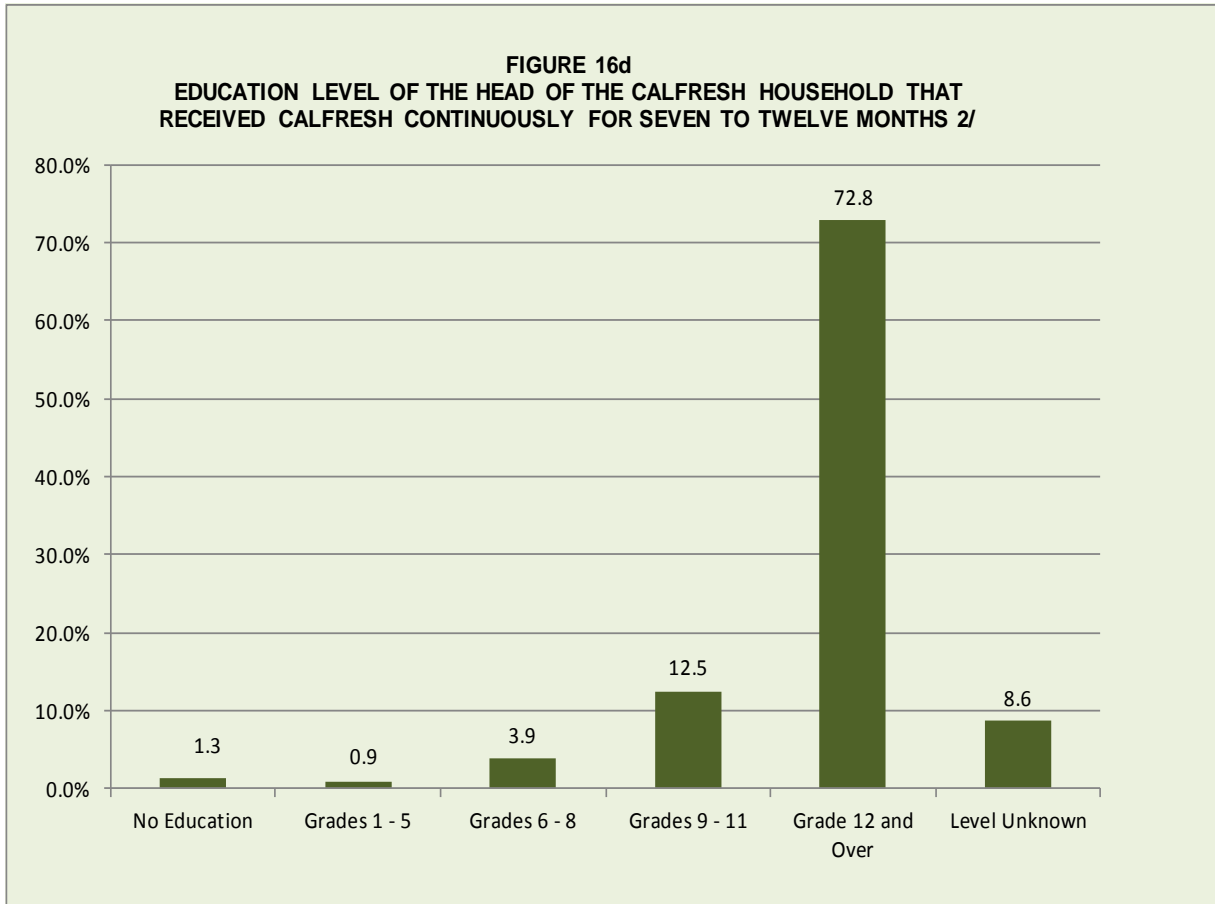
CalFresh households receiving CalFresh continuously for seven to 12 months had an average net income of \$617.

NET INCOME	HOUSEHOLDS TOTAL		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total ^{1/}	367,507	100.0	47,332	100.0	320,176	100.0
No Net Income	229,112	62.3	23,517	49.7	205,595	64.2
Net Income:	138,395	37.7	23,814	50.3	114,581	35.8
\$1 - \$200	35,626	25.7	10,681	44.8	24,946	21.8
\$201 - \$400	24,408	17.6	8,232	34.6	16,175	14.1
\$401 - \$600	20,766	15.0	4,143	17.4	16,623	14.5
\$601 - \$800	10,594	7.7	506	2.1	10,088	8.8
\$801 - \$999	18,714	13.5	123	0.5	18,591	16.2
\$1,000 and Over	28,287	20.4	130	0.5	28,158	24.6
Average/Median Net Income	\$617 / \$471		\$243 / \$208		\$695 / \$598	

1/ From Table 16.

Note: The household's net income and deductions are used to determine the correct benefit level.

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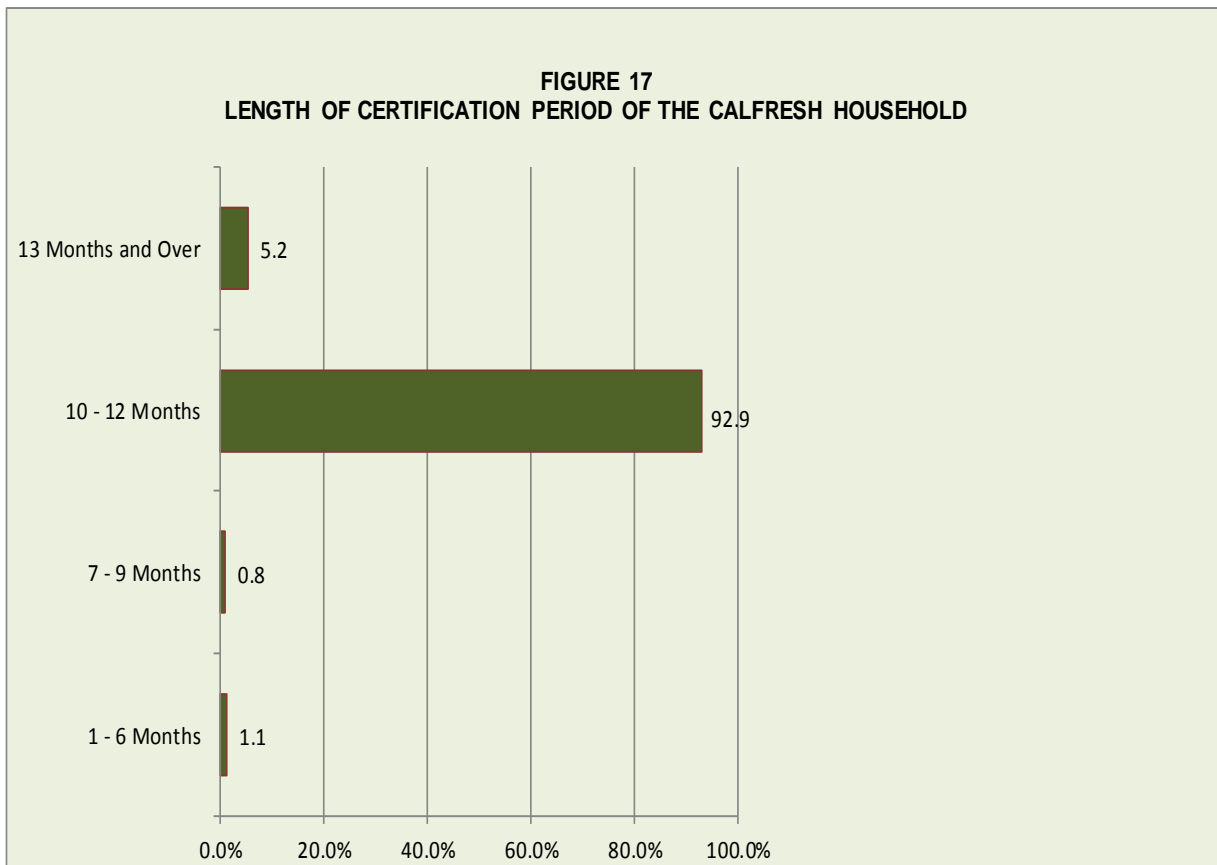


EDUCATION LEVEL	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total ^{1/}	<u>367,507</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>47,332</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>320,175</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Not Applicable ^{2/}	131,561	35.8	34,405	72.7	97,156	30.3
Head of Household:	<u>235,946</u>	64.2 <u>100.0</u>	<u>12,927</u>	27.3 <u>100.0</u>	<u>223,019</u>	69.7 <u>100.0</u>
No Education	3,148	1.3	0	0.0	3,148	1.4
Grades 1 - 5	2,105	0.9	0	0.0	2,105	0.9
Grades 6 - 8	9,093	3.9	203	1.6	8,890	4.0
Grades 9 - 11	29,470	12.5	4,321	33.4	25,149	11.3
Grade 12 and Over	171,805	72.8	8,404	65.0	163,401	73.3
Level Unknown	20,326	8.6	0	0.0	20,326	9.1

1/ From Table 16.

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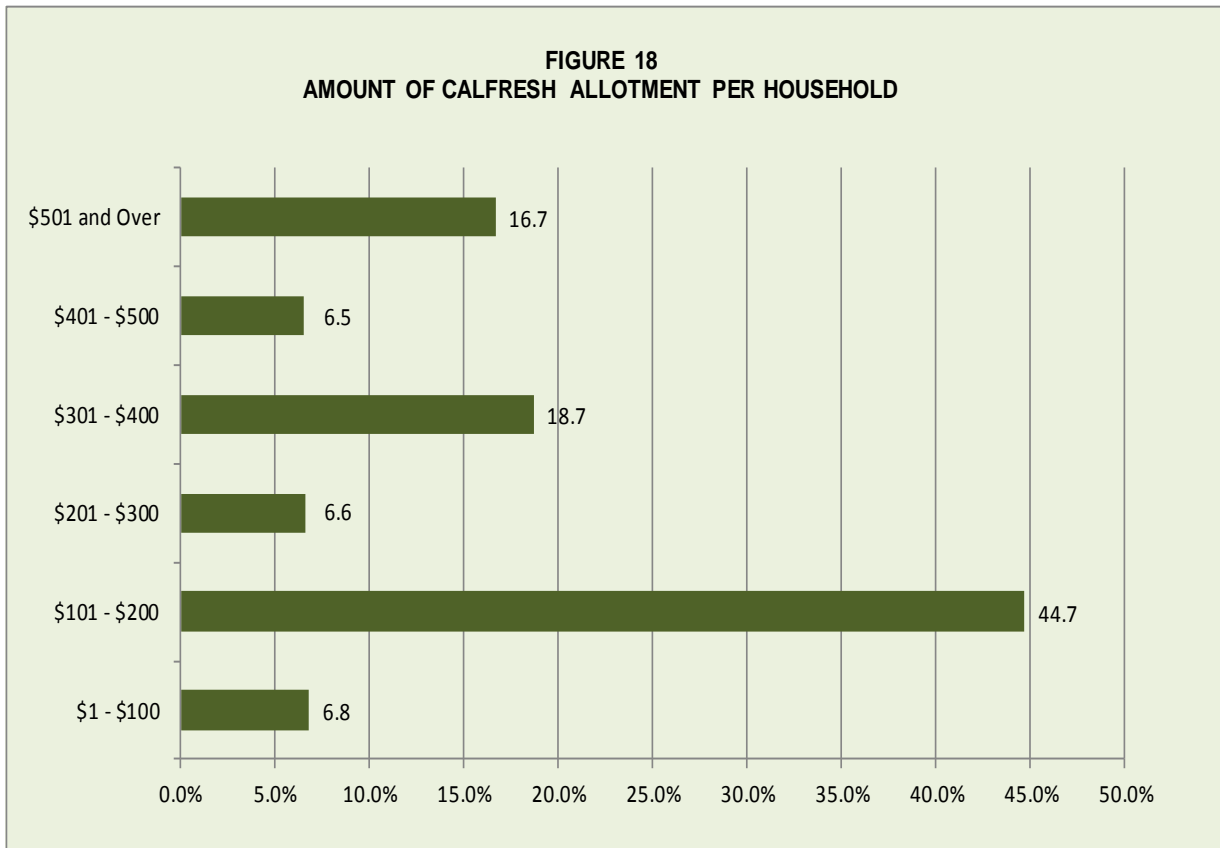


The average certification period at enrollment for all CalFresh households is 12 months.

CERTIFICATION PERIOD	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	2,073,235	100.0	399,643	100.0	1,673,591	100.0
1 - 6 Months	22,393	1.1	2,291	0.6	20,102	1.2
7 - 9 Months	16,933	0.8	8,437	2.1	8,496	0.5
10 - 12 Months	1,926,719	92.9	385,317	96.4	1,541,402	92.1
13 Months and Over	107,190	5.2	3,599	0.9	103,591	6.2
Average Months	12.4		11.8		12.6	

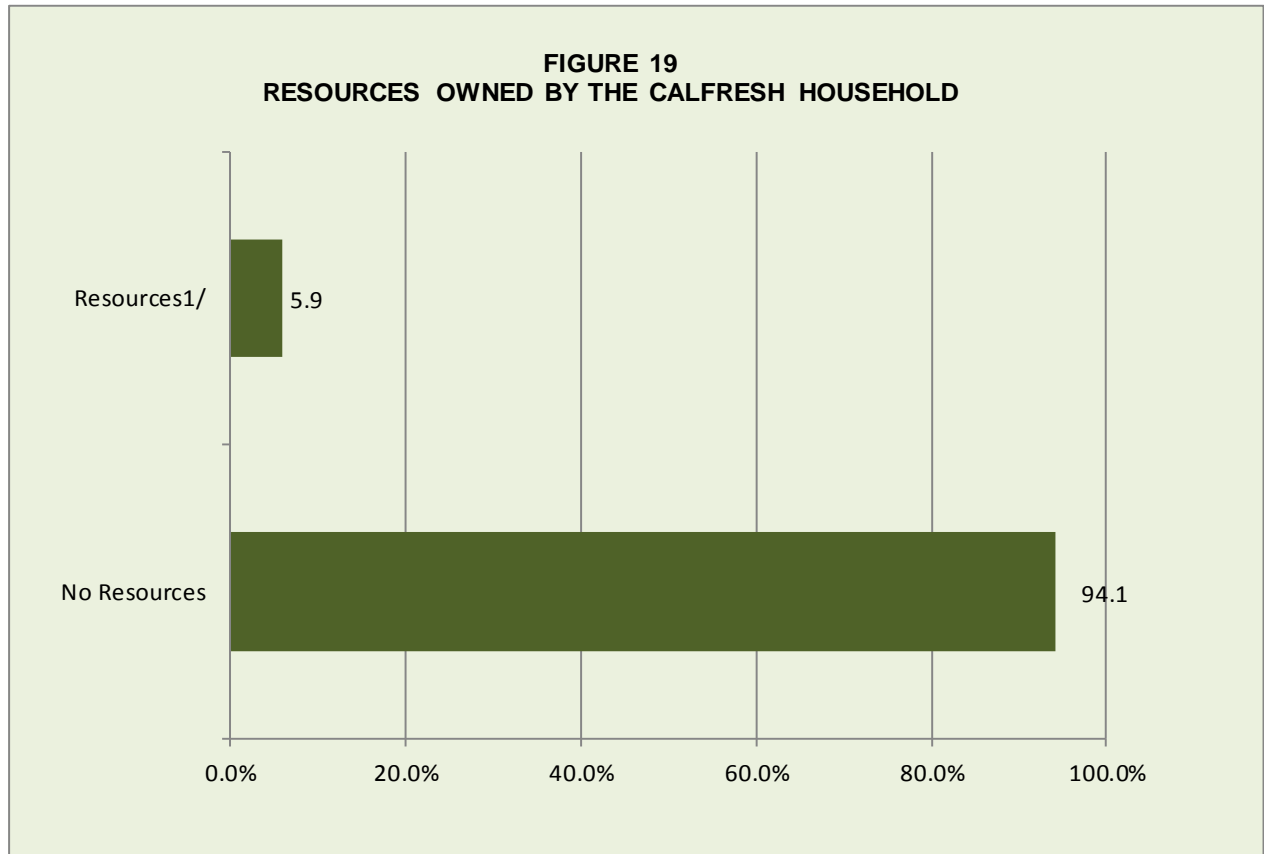
Note: The CalFresh households are eligible to receive benefits until the certification period ends, when they must recertify (verify income, deductions).

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ALLOTMENT	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	2,073,234	100.0	399,643	100.0	1,673,591	100.0
\$1 - \$100	140,940	6.8	3,164	0.8	137,776	8.2
\$101 - \$200	926,364	44.7	48,496	12.1	877,868	52.5
\$201 - \$300	137,682	6.6	32,678	8.2	105,004	6.3
\$301 - \$400	387,589	18.7	134,559	33.7	253,030	15.1
\$401 - \$500	134,844	6.5	63,283	15.8	71,561	4.3
\$501 and Over	345,815	16.7	117,463	29.4	228,352	13.6
Average/Median Allotment	\$299 / \$194		\$420 / \$357		\$270 / \$194	

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Ninety-four percent of CalWORKs/CalFresh households owned no resources.

RESOURCES	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>2,073,234</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>399,643</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1,673,591</u>	<u>100.0</u>
No Resources	1,951,670	94.1	387,354	96.9	1,564,316	93.5
Resources ^{1/}	121,564	5.9	12,289	3.1	109,275	6.5

1/ Excludes vehicles.

Note: Resources include bank accounts, cash on hand, and liquid assets.

SECTION 6

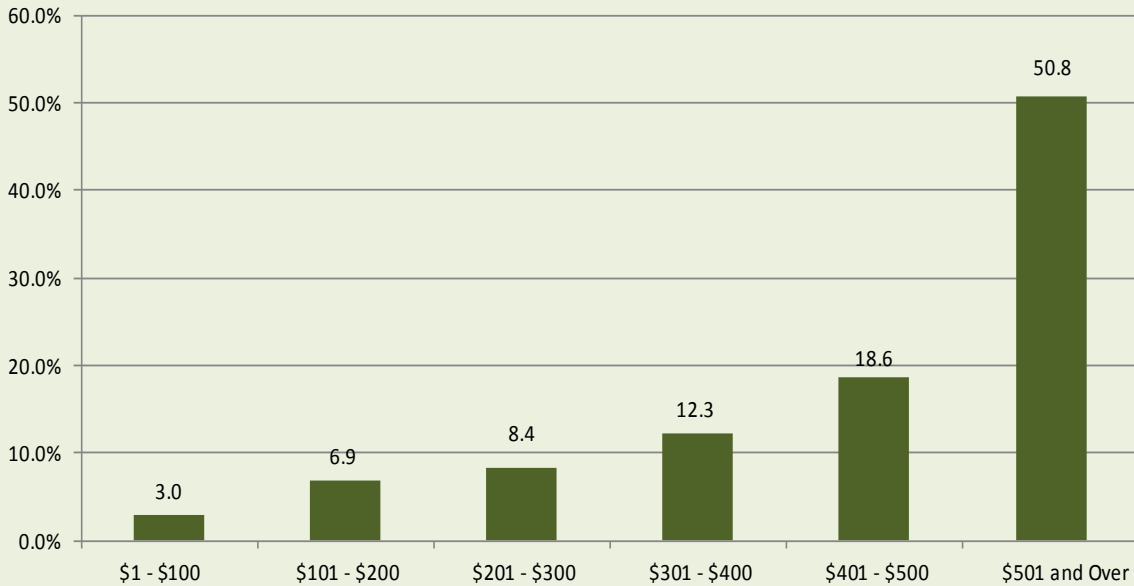
EXPENSES, DEDUCTIONS & REPORTING

Figures 20 and 21 display the shelter costs and dependent care deductions claimed by households. Sixty-eight percent of all CalFresh households reported a shelter cost (Figure 20). This is two percentage points lower than in the previous Federal Fiscal Year. The average allowable excess shelter deduction increased by three dollars between FFY 2014 (\$526) and FFY 2015 (\$529) (Figure 20). The average child care deduction increased from \$273 dollars in FFY 2014 to \$353 dollars in FFY 2015 (Figure 21).

In California, the old Quarterly Reporting (QR) system ended on September 30, 2013. In its place, the state has adopted a Semi-Annual Reporting (SAR) system that uses a SAR 7 form. This is a major structural adjustment in how households report changes affecting their CalFresh eligibility. Figure 22 shows that 72.4 percent of households reported semi-annually; 17 percentage points higher than in FFY 2014 when the change was just starting to be implemented.

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FIGURE 20
CALFRESH HOUSEHOLDS ALLOWED EXCESS SHELTER DEDUCTION



EXCESS SHELTER	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	2,073,234	100.0	399,644	100.0	1,673,590	100
Households Not Reporting Shelter Cost	662,720	32.0	36,406	9.1	626,314	37.4
Households Reporting Shelter Cost;	1,410,514	68.0	363,238	90.9	1,047,276	62.6
No Allowable Excess Shelter Cost	93,568	6.6	16,565	4.6	77,003	7.4
Allowable Excess Shelter Cost:	1,316,946	93.4	346,672	95.4	970,274	92.6
\$1 - \$100	39,287	3.0	6,707	1.9	32,579	3.4
\$101 - \$200	91,092	6.9	14,819	4.3	76,273	7.9
\$201 - \$300	110,588	8.4	33,638	9.7	76,950	7.9
\$301 - \$400	162,057	12.3	51,082	14.7	110,975	11.4
\$401 - \$500	245,247	18.6	75,259	21.7	169,988	17.5
\$501 and Over	668,675	50.8	165,167	47.6	503,508	51.9
Average Shelter Cost	\$529		\$502		\$539	

Note: The excess shelter deduction is a result of the shelter cost minus income and deductions.

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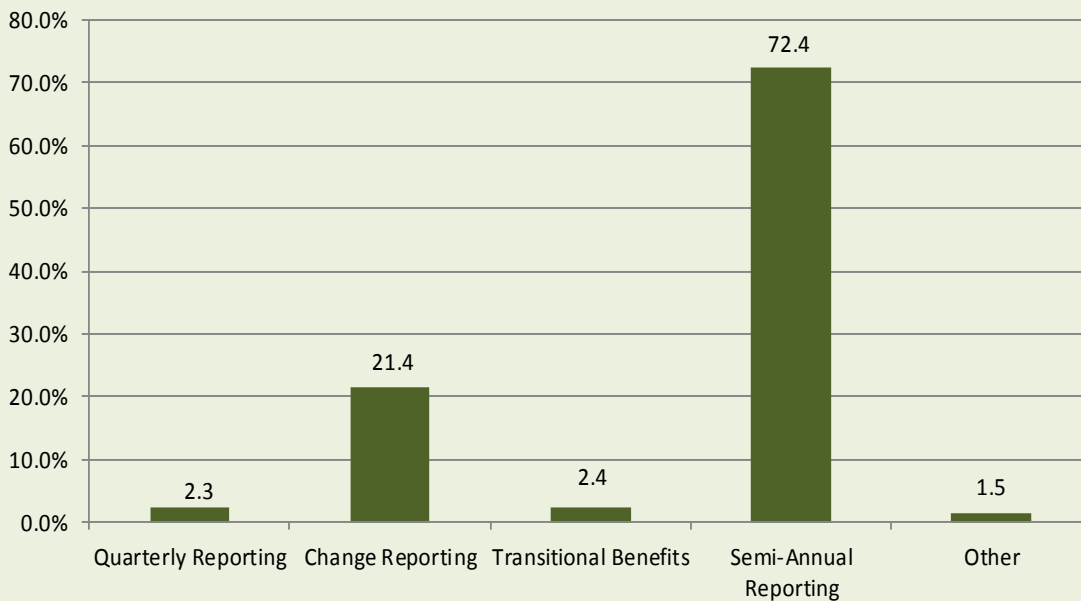
FIGURE 21
CALFRESH HOUSEHOLDS ALLOWED A DEPENDENT CARE DEDUCTION



DEPENDENT CARE	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>2,073,234</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>399,644</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1,673,590</u>	<u>100.0</u>
No Dependent Care Deduction	2,044,426	98.6	395,929	99.1	1,648,497	98.5
Dependent Care Deduction	<u>28,808</u>	<u>1.4</u>	<u>3,715</u>	<u>0.9</u>	<u>25,093</u>	<u>1.5</u>
\$1 - \$80	1,978	6.9	409	11.0	1,569	6.3
\$81 - \$160	3,736	13.0	441	11.9	3,295	13.1
\$161 - \$240	5,855	20.3	310	8.3	5,545	22.1
\$241 and over	17,239	59.8	2,555	68.8	14,684	58.5
Average/Median Deduction	\$353 / \$260		\$419 / \$600		\$343 / \$250	

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FIGURE 22
REPORTING STATUS OF THE CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD



REPORTING STATUS	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	2,073,234	100.0	399,643	100.0	1,673,591	100.0
Quarterly Reporting	47,024	2.3	13,192	3.3	33,832	2.0
Change Reporting	444,645	21.4	14,527	3.6	430,118	25.7
Transitional Benefits	48,863	2.4	0	0.0	48,863	2.9
Semi-Annual Reporting	1,501,036	72.4	363,987	91.1	1,137,049	67.9
Other	31,667	1.5	7,937	2.0	23,729	1.4

Reporting Status Definitions :

Quarterly Reporting - Households subject to the quarterly reporting requirements must submit complete reports on a quarterly basis.

Change Reporting - Households subject to the change reporting requirements must report certain changes in circumstances within ten days of becoming aware of the change.

Semi-Annual Reporting - Households subject to semi-annual reporting must submit redetermination/certification reports once a year.

Transitional Benefits - There are no reporting requirements during the transitional months.

FIGURE 23
REPORTED BUDGET MONTH SHELTER COST OF THE CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD



SHELTER COST	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	2,073,233	100.0	399,644	100.0	1,673,590	100.0
Households Not Reporting Shelter Cost	662,720	32.0	36,406	9.1	626,314	37.4
Households Reporting Shelter Cost	1,410,513	68.0	363,238	90.9	1,047,275	62.6
\$1 - \$100	68,947	4.9	21,563	5.9	47,384	4.5
\$101 - \$200	145,356	10.3	45,374	12.5	99,982	9.5
\$201 - \$400	412,262	29.2	132,297	36.4	279,965	26.7
\$401 - \$600	351,703	24.9	79,291	21.8	272,412	26.0
\$601 - \$800	194,955	13.8	51,099	14.1	143,856	13.7
\$801 - \$1000	115,713	8.2	16,967	4.7	98,746	9.4
\$1001 and Over	121,577	8.6	16,647	4.6	104,930	10.0
Average/Median Shelter Cost	\$525 / \$450		\$449 / \$400		\$551 / \$490	

Reliability Estimates for Selected Sample Sizes¹

Selected Sample Size	Characteristic Percent				
	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%
	Estimated reliability at 95% confidence (+ or -):				
5,480	0.80%	1.06%	1.21%	1.29%	1.32%
4,300	0.91%	1.22%	1.40%	1.49%	1.52%
4,000	0.95%	1.26%	1.45%	1.55%	1.58%
3,300	1.04%	1.39%	1.60%	1.71%	1.74%
3,000	1.10%	1.46%	1.67%	1.79%	1.83%
2,700	1.15%	1.54%	1.78%	1.89%	1.92%
2,300	1.25%	1.67%	1.91%	2.04%	2.09%
1,500	1.55%	2.07%	2.37%	2.53%	2.58%
1,000	1.90%	2.53%	2.90%	3.10%	3.16%
500	2.68%	3.68%	4.10%	4.38%	4.47%
400	3.00%	4.00%	4.58%	4.90%	5.00%
300	3.46%	4.62%	5.29%	5.66%	5.77%
200	4.24%	5.66%	6.48%	6.93%	7.07%

Example: Figure 10 shows that 10.0 percent of total CalFresh households were four-person households. The reliability chart shows a reliability of plus or minus 0.80 percent for a sample size of 5480. This means we are 95 percent confident that the true value lies between 10.8 percent and 9.2 percent (10.0 percent plus or minus 0.80 percent). That is, there is one chance in 20 (5.0 percent) that the true value falls outside this range.

¹ Reliability is based on an unrestricted random sample of **cases** and, as a result, the actual reliability of the data may be better than reflected in the table. Reliability does not apply to **persons** (recipient) data.

